

JUSTIFICATION SHEET

FINAL

DEPARTMENT: Labor and Industrial Relations

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION.

PURPOSE: The purposes of this omnibus bill are the following:

To provide the authority to the state fire council to expend any federal grant money it receives; to create the state fire council special fund; to allow the counties the ability to have the discretion to waive the twenty-day requirement for obtaining a fireworks permit; and to allow the State Fire Council to become self sufficient by allowing the Council to utilize fees and fines collected in association with fireworks to fund their operations and to fund two positions to administer the State Fire Code.

MEANS: Add a new section to chapter 132, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Amend section 132-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The State Fire Council was created to replace the State Fire Marshal's Office, which was a fully funded state agency. Under the present organization, the SFC is unfunded, un-staffed and has had difficulty in amending the state fire code and pursuing federal grants because such work must be performed by county fire department personnel, thus depriving the county fire department of the services of its members. In addition, the SFC coordinates statewide training, data collection, standard procedures and forms relating to inspections investigations, and reporting fires, and may advise the governor and legislature with

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respect to fire prevention, protection, and life safety.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
None.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: Federal Funds and fees and fines associated with fireworks.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: LBR-902/AA.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: City and County of Honolulu  
County of Kauai  
County of Hawaii  
County of Maui.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005.